

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing AB 50. The Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) located at San Francisco General Hospital/UCSF has shown itself to be a very successful, nationally recognized model program. Given that the TRC has demonstrated its success by increasing the number of victims served while simultaneously decreasing the cost of services, I do not want to jeopardize its existence. However, I am very concerned about the use of Restitution Funds even though this money would be used to provide services to victims in a more efficient manner. Thus, I am signing this bill in recognition that this will be a one-time appropriation in order to ensure that the program still exists so that it can be replicated throughout the State. I believe that every victim in every county of California should have access to similar programs that increase the availability and success of victim services while reducing overall costs of administration. Therefore, I am directing the Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board and the Department of Finance to assess the cost of implementing similar programs on a statewide basis and to determine the availability and condition of any appropriate funding sources.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger